



Testimony before the Public Health Committee

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Good morning, Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee. My name is Roderick Bremby and I am Commissioner of the Department of Social Services (DSS).

**H.B. No. 5038 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING AN ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE
PROGRAM**

The All Payer Claims Databases (APCD) is a data warehouse that tracks health care utilization and cost information. It combines claims information across insurance carriers and other payers so that more complete health care utilization and cost information is available. Having access to timely and accurate data across payers will be an important tool in our efforts to improve quality, reduce costs, and promote transparency. Based on the experience of other states, we believe the APCD will be a valuable resource in gaining a better understanding of the state's various health care delivery systems as well as the growing needs of Connecticut residents. The proposed bill appropriately places the highest importance on the protection of personal privacy and the security of these data in the database design and the policies and procedures that will govern data usage.

We are excited about this opportunity and look forward to continued participation in the development of this concept. We will also work with the Office of Health Care Reform and Innovation to assure that the disclosure of protected health information is consistent with state and federal confidentiality laws.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I would be happy to answer questions you have.